

**Archaeological Survey for Proposed Drainage Improvements on State Road 62, .28 miles west of
US 231 in Spencer County, Indiana**

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Abstract

At the request of the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology conducted a Phase Ia archaeological reconnaissance survey for proposed drainage improvements involving Longs Branch and tributaries of Longs Branch along SR 62 about .45km west of the south junction of US 231 in Spencer County. The field work was conducted by GBL archaeologists Melody Pope, Erin Kuns, Dan Osborne, Sean Pearsons, Ashley Gellman, Kris Suthers, Sarah Wille, and Jamie Aprile. The field work was conducted on May 24, 2001 and May 29, 2001. The majority of the project area had visibility of greater than 80% and was surveyed using visual survey techniques. Portions of the project area with less than 25% visibility were surveyed using shovel probes. The shovel probe survey was conducted using transects no more than 10 meters apart. A series of auger tests was also conducted in the survey area. The shovel probe survey did not yield any cultural materials. The auger tests also revealed no cultural deposits or evidence of buried deposits in the project area. Based on the results of the survey, no further archaeological work is recommended and cultural resource clearance is recommended, provided all earth-moving activities are limited to the currently delineated boundaries.